Statement-II

Details of loss of property on account of naxal related incidents for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (up to June 2006)

Name of the State	Property Damaged (In Rs.)		
	2004	2005	2006 (As on 30.6.06)
Andhra Pradesh	2,29,92,800	2,82,79,600	62,25,000
Jharkhand	89,20,000	1,15,40,000	80,00,000
Chhattisgarh	1,15,84,550	5,64,000	9,23,30,000
Bihar	74,05,000	44,35,000	7,75,000
Maharashtra	33,92,575	8,61,500	82,01,765
Orissa	2,00,000	1,00,00,000	2,50,000
Madhya Pradesh	1,83,500	14,45,000	—
West Bengal	1,00,00,000	—	10,00,000
Karnataka	40,000	—	—
TOTAL:	6,47,18,425	5,71,25,100	11,67,81,765

Strategy to deal with naxalism

953. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the unrest in naxal-infested States showing no signs of abating, the Centre has set up an expert group to examine the development strategy to address the causes of discontent in these areas;

(b) if so, whether the panel, set up under the Planning Commission has been asked to submit the report by August 15th;

(c) if so, whether Government have adopted a multi-pronged strategy to combat the menace of left wing extremism that has engulfed 13 States; and

(d) if so, what suggestions have been made by the Committee and what steps are being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) In May, 2006, the Planning Commission has set up an Expert Group on development issues to deal with the causes of discontent, unrest and extremism. The Expert Group has been asked to submit its report by 15th August, 2006.

(c) and (d) The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts in a coordinated manner. The Central Government has taken specific measures to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the naxal affected States on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Infiltration of ISI agents

954. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been infiltrations of ISI agents on the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the number of such persons arrested in 2005-06 in various States including Maharashtra and U.P.; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop infiltration and activities of ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, during the period January 1, 2005 to July 20, 2006, 31 ISI backed espionage modules were neutralized in various parts of the country resulting in arrest of 56 espionage agents including 21 Pak resident agents, some of whom had infiltrated through the Indo-Pak Border.

(c) The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multipronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militants and ISI/anti national elements, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, action against the espionage elements under the Official Secrets Act etc.

Network of Al-Quaida

†955. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international terrorist outfit Al-Quaida has

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.